

By the King.

A Proclamation for a generall Fast to be Weekely observed thorowout the Realme of England.



He heavie Judgement of God in His present Visitation of the Cities of London, Westminster, and divers other parts of the Kingdome at this time with the Petitlence, ought to move be to acknowledge the immediate hand of God therein, for the linnes of this Land, so to afflict and correct his people: And his Paiestie having taken into his Religious care, that in common Calamities the special meanes to remove the Cuill, is by serious humiliation to imploze the grace and favour of that Supreme offended Paiestie, who hath smitten the Land, and tan

onely healeit; hath resolved, according to the example of pious Kings in somerages, and in like cases, to command Generall and Publike Falls to be held through the Whole Realme, in such manner as is herein directed. And to the end so Religious an Exercise may be performed with all Decencie and Unisomitie; his most Excellent Patellie hath, with the advice of his Reverend Bishops, resolved byon a grave and Religious Forme of Solemnizing thereof.

And this his Royall Pleasure he both beredy Publish and Declare to all his louing Indicets, and noth straitely Charge and Command, that this fast be Religiously and Solemnely observed and Celebrated weekely, from the time of the Publishing of this Proclamation, by on every Wednelday, thorowout the Whole Kingdome, during the Continuance of the present Infection: With this similation neverthelesse, that in the Citie of London and Suburbs thereof, and in all other Cities, Townes, and places, where the Infection now is, or bereafter shall happen to be, and during the continuance of the Contagion in any of those places, the



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Given at the Court at New-Market the eighteenth day of October, in the twelfth yeere of Our Reigno.

God lauethe King.



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